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Redevelopment Board Minutes 12/06/2004

Arlington Redevelopment Board
Minutes of December 6, 2004

Members Present: Ed Tsoi
Roly Chaput
Lynne Lowenstein
Barry Faulkner

Also Attending: Kevin J. O'Brien, Secretary ex officio

Ed Tsoi called the meeting to order at 8:00. He asked Kevin O'Brien to review the schedule on the Symmes Project. He reported that he hoped to schedule the first hearing for the project's special permit on January 10. Ed Tsoi then asked Jake Upton of E.A. Fish Associates to explain the process in which he is engaged regarding financing and design. Jake Upton explained that the choice of a medical tenant determined the size of the parking garage needed and therefore the design for the buildings and garage associated with the medical office use. Only when this is determined could plans be advanced to the point that they could be used to obtain financing for the project.

Jake Upton explained that the "Pat Worden" amendment to the zoning change voted in September was a problem for financing the project unless the medical office building was already in place. If the ARB chose the option in the LDA to wait on the development of the MOB, financing would be a problem. He asked if the Zoning Board and Selectmen could write an opinion about how the amendment should be interpreted. He was asked to work with staff toward that end.

Ed Tsoi then moved to enter into Executive Session with the Board of Selectmen (and then adjourn) in order to discuss an aspect of the Symmes project which if held in open session may affect the value of Town owned land. Lynne Lowenstein seconded the motion and Kevin O'Brien polled the Board. Lynne Lowenstein – yes, Ed Tsoi – yes, Roland Chaput – yes, Barry Faulkner – yes.

At 10:45, Ed Tsoi moved that the Board leave Executive Session and adjourn. Roland Chaput seconded the motion and Kevin O'Brien polled the Board. Lynne Lowenstein – yes, Ed Tsoi – yes, Roland Chaput – yes.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin O'Brien